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SUBJECT: SOME SIGNIFICANT TRANSFERS WITHIN MILITARY  
AND POLICE RANKS

1. WITHIN PAST FEW DAYS A NUMBER OF TRANSFERS ARE  
BEING EFFECTED OF OFFICERS WITHIN BOTH THE MILITARY AND  
POLICE SERVICES. IN EACH CASE, THE INDIVIDUAL AFFECTED  
HAS BEEN CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED CLOSELY EITHER  
WITH THE IOANNIDES OR PAPADOPOULOS CIRCLES.

2. WITHIN THE MILITARY, THE FOLLOWING TANSFERS  
ARE TAKING PLACE:

A. COMMANDER GEORGOS NIKOLOPOULOS (HN) WAS REPLACED  
AS DIRECTOR OF THE SECOND STAFF OFFICE OF THE  
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HELLENIC NAVY STAFF AND HAS BEEN TRANFERRED TO

PATRAS WHERE HE WILL SERVE AS SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER, IOANIAN SEA COMMAND. NIKOLOPOULOS WAS REPORTEDLY AMONG THE DOZEN OR SO OFFICERS VERY CLOSE TO BRIG. GENERAL IOANNIDES (CHIEF OF ESA). SEE DEFATT 011100Z AUG 74 FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

B. MAJOR ANASTASSIOS SPANOS HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT OF ESA TO THE 37TH INFANTRY REGIMENT NEAR THE GREEK-BULGARIAN BORDER. SPANOS HAS LONG BEEN CONSIDERED A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF BRIG. GENERAL IOANNIDES. THE REPORT OF SPANOS' TRANSFER WAS PUBLISHED IN MOST ATHENS NEWSPAPERS AUGUST 1 AND AUGUST 2. THE NEWS ACCOUNTS STATE THAT "IN VIEW OF THE NARROWING OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF ESA, THE SUPER-NUMERARY OFFICERS OF THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION SECTION WILL BE TRANSFERRED INTO OTHER UNITS".

3. THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ATHENS NEWS AUGUST 2 REPORTED THAT ATHENS POLICE DIRECTOR, VASILLIOU LAMBROU WILL BE REPLACED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT TWO OF HIS DEPUTIES, EVANGELOS MALIOS AND PETROS BABALIS HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THEIR POSTS. GREEK-LANGUAGE PAPERS HAVE NOT YET CARRIED THESE REPORTS. ALL THREE INDIVIDUALS HAVE AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER COOPERATED CLOSELY WITH MILITARY SECURITY ELEMENTS DURING THE PAST SEVEN YEARS.

4. FINALLY, IT WAS REPORTED ON AUGUST 1 THAT THE CHIEF OF THE ATHENS GENERAL SECURITY DIRECTORATE GEORGOS KAROUZOS HAS BEEN REPLACED BY CONSTANTINE YANNIMARAS. KAROUZOS HAD ALSO WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE PRIOR MILITARY REGIME.

5. COMMENT: THE ABOVE TRANSFERS PROBABLY REPRESENT ONLY THE FIRST STEPS OF THE ARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT TO WEED OUT FROM POSITIONS OF POWER IN THE SECURITY SERVICES INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD BEEN ASSOCIATED CLOSELY IN ONE ASPECT OR ANOTHER -- WITH THE TWO PREDECESSOR MILITARY REGIMES.

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